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FOURTY-THIRD YEAR.

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For Their Money These Times—And They are Not Disappointed in Buying From Us Xmas Presents of

Purses and Fine Leather Goods.

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These we have bought direct from the manufacturers and thereby save you one profit. They are attractive—prices irresistible.

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We have just received a shipment of Island Prunes, grown and evaporated by W. E. Scott, of Salt Spring Island; they are delicious; try them. 3 lbs. for 25c.

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FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS. Kept in stock in Victoria by KINGHAM & CO.

Houses For Sale

Bank of Commerce Purchase of Bank of British Columbia Voted

by Shareholders.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—At a special general meeting of the Canadian Bank of Commerce yesterday afternoon, the agreement for the purchase of the Bank of British Columbia was formally ratified by a vote representing \$3,071,000 of the capital stock of the bank. George A. Cox, president of the Bank of Commerce, in a brief speech approved of the transfer. B. E. Walker, general manager, and J. H. Plummer, assistant general manager of the same institution, spoke in the highest terms of the managers and staff of the Bank of British Columbia, and said that in their opinion they will form a valuable addition to the staff of the Bank of Commerce. The quality of the business and assets of the Bank of British Columbia were reported to be of a most satisfactory nature.

Two story house, James Bay district, containing 8 rooms, electric light and all modern conveniences. Price, \$2,900, on terms to suit the purchaser.

Two story house at Spring Ridge, containing 6 rooms, newly finished, and the house newly painted outside. Price, \$750, on very easy terms, to suit purchaser.

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80 Government St. Next Bank of Montreal.

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FOR SALE—Shares in the Quatsino Mining & Reduction Co., owners of the New Comstock Group of claims on the Comstock Sound, on which considerable development work has been done. A large number of assays have been made, and the ore runs from \$15 to \$58. In copper, gold and silver.

Mr. Wm. J. Sutton, M.E., in his report, says it is "a property worthy of extensive exploitation, and one which can command the attention of the mining investor."

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Cost of

The War

Sir William Vernon Harcourt Says Transvaal Should Bear Its Share.

But It Needs High Courage to Face "the Kaffir Circus."

Chancellor of Exchequer Says No Unreasonable Demands Will Be Made.

RUMORED REVERSE.

London Dec. 14.—The Daily Express

publishes a rumor of a serious disaster to the British arms.

According to this report the Boers

attacked the camps of Gen. Clements in

Burton district, capturing the camp

and killing a number of British offi-

cers, and taking prisoners all the

British troops, including four compa-

nies of the Northumberland Fusili-

ers.

The story is not confirmed in any

quarter, and is not generally believ-

ed.

RIVALS FOR MAYORALTY.

Dr. Wilson and Thomas Dunn Spoken

of as Candidates in Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 13.—(Special)—It is

now reported that Dr. Wilson will run

for mayor in the interests of the Mu-

nicipal Association, and Thomas Dunn

in the interests of the Citizens' Asso-

ciation. It is an open secret that one of

these gentlemen will stand for moral

reform, and the other will represent the

so-called liberal-minded class. Alder-

manic candidates will be chosen by both

societies on the same lines.

Inspector Horrigan and ten men of

the N. W. M. P. arrived yesterday, en

route to White Horse, where they will

be stationed. They sail on the Danube.

London, Dec. 13.—During the second

reading of the War Loan bill, Sir Wil-

liam Vernon Harcourt to-day lengthily

criticized the government's financial

make-shifts. He said the ministers

would have strenuous support in mak-

ing the Transvaal share the cost of the

war, but the gold mines were the only

source of revenue, and the attitude of

mine-owners and capitalists was well

known. If the government wished to

obtain anything from the Transvaal

towards the cost of the war, it would

have to face the "Kaffir circus" in

South Africa and London, and it would

require all the courage of the Chan-

cellor of the Exchequer, the Colonial Sec-

retary, and all the integrity of parliament

to cope with the matter.

He contended that, judging from the

present prospects, the cost of British rule

in the Transvaal and Orange River Col-

ony would be far greater than Boer rule

had been. He estimated that Gen. Ba-

den-Powell's police would cost \$4,000,-

000 a year, a sum equal to the last

Transvaal budget.

Mr. Timothy Healy, Irish Nationalist,

asked how much of the new loan was

Just the Thing For a Xmas Present.

FOR A LADY—One of those nice bottles of Perfume, or Lovely Mirrors, etc.
FOR A GENTLEMAN—A pair of Military Hair Brushes, Shaving Sets, and numerous other useful articles.
See our windows. Prices to suit all.

GEO. MORISON & CO., the Leading Druggists, 55 Gov't Street
PHONE 85. VICTORIA, B. C.

To Search For
Hidden Gold

Troops Sent to Pekin on a
Quest For Buried Treas-
sure.

Placards in Hongkong Incite
Chinese to Rise Against the
Foreigners.

Pekin, Dec. 13.—A few days ago the British troops were notified of the existence of a large amount of treasure 20 miles northwest. Col. Tullock and 100 men left to-day to investigate. He requested, however, that 50 extra men be detailed. It is believed that a large amount of gold and valuables were buried at that point by persons connected with the Chinese court during the recent flight. The information regarding the treasure was brought by a former court official.

Hongkong, Dec. 13.—The city was placarded to-day with statements inciting the people and the members of the secret societies to unite and rise during the month of January and drive out all of the foreigners. Crowds gathered around the placards, but no actual outbreak was reported.

Reports have been received from Canton to the effect that Young Sung Po, the reformer, has been horribly tortured. Though he was strung up by the thumbs and toes, he would confess nothing.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—An official of the navy department has informed the representative of the Associated Press that the German second-class cruisers *Hertha*, *Hansa* and *Irene* have escaped being frozen in at the Taku roads, and that all the other German warships are in ice-free harbors and waters. The official added that only the hospital ship *Savoya* and the transport *Palatia* were ice-bound at Taku.

SECOND CONTINGENT.

Sail From Capetown on the Steamship Roslyn Castle For Canada.

Capetown, Dec. 13.—Gen. Kitchener has cabled to the authorities of South Australia, asking that the wounded Imperial Bushmen who are now convalescent prepare to return to South Africa.

Another contingent of Canadian troops started on their way home to-day on board the steamer Roslyn Castle. They received an enthusiastic send-off.

Sir Alfred Milner has been gazetted administrator of the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—It is pretty generally understood by those in the confidence of the ministry that some provision will be made for Canada's soldier boys who have returned, and those who have yet to return, matined for the rest of their lives as a result of wounds received in battle, and others who have never fully recovered from the effects of enteric fever. The question is likely to be brought up and settled in the next parliament.

Major Hurdman, of "D" Battery, writing to relatives here, says the second Canadian contingent sails from Capetown to-day for Halifax.

This explains the item sent out by the Associated Press this morning, dated Capetown, stating that another Canadian contingent sailed by the Roslyn Castle to-day for England.

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ROUBLE AT MCGILL.

Principal Peterson Threatens to Expel a Whole Class.

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AMNESTY BILL.

First Paragraph Adopted by French Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, Dec. 13.—In the chamber of deputies to-day the first paragraph of the amnesty bill, which dealt with cases arising out of the Dreyfus affair, was adopted by a vote of 329 against 244. An amendment excluding cases of espionage and treason from the amnesty, was adopted by a vote of 296 against 284.

BANQUET TO LAURIER.

Premier Entertained by the Liberals at Halifax.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—(Special)—The Laurier banquet to-night was the largest ever attended by the Premier. Sir Wilfrid was accompanied by Messrs. Fielding, Tarte, Sifton and Paterson.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, Migraines or constipation, you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable; small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

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PROFESSORS

Liebreich, of BERLIN, Bogoslawsky, of MOSCOW, Althaus, of LONDON, Pouchet and Lancereaux, of PARIS, the NEW YORK Medical Journal, Medical News, etc., etc.,

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Natural Aperient Water for systematic treatment in constipation, bilious troubles and obesity, because it does not give rise to subsequent constipation.

Engineer

Is Arrested

Chief of Alpha's Engine Room Held by Police for Desertion.

First Schooner of the Sealing Fleet Starts on her Cruise.

Chief Engineer Gordon of the steamer Alpha, one of those who deserted from the steamer after her return to port, was arrested last night by the provincial police, as a result of charges laid against him and the second engineer and several deserting sailors. He spent the night at the city lock-up with the charge of desertion registered against him. Gordon had not been seen since he left the steamer on Saturday last, and it was thought that he had left town. His discovery was due to the fact that he called at the newspaper offices to deny the assertion that the sea connections of the Alpha had been opened.

The crew of the steamer has about been completed, and she is ready for sea. If the engineer is put on board, she may, therefore, get away in the near future on her voyage to Japan. The Engineer will be brought up for trial on the charge of desertion this morning. So far, none of the others who fled from the vessel have been secured.

FIRST OF THE FLEET.

Umbria Sails on Her Sealing Cruise During a Gale—Enterprise Sails To-day.

Despite the heavy blow yesterday afternoon, the sealing schooner Umbria weighed her anchor in James Bay and was towed out by the tug Sadie. The Umbria, which is the first vessel of the fleet to sail, was ready on Saturday, but was held since by trouble arising out of the desertion of some of her crew. First, her second mate and one of the sailors left the vessel, each having received large advances. While search was being made for the two who had also received a larger advance than is usually given, also, yesterday the crew was completed, and despite the gale, the schooner put out. She will go to Kyuquot to pick up her Indians. The Arietis did not follow her, as was at one time intended. Capt. Pennington, having promised not to pay higher rates to the Indians than those to be offered by the schooners of the company. The Umbria will be followed this morning by the schooner Enterprise, which is also outside the company. The Enterprise will be the first "white schooner" to sail. She goes across to the Japan coast and Copper islands.

THE GERTRUDE SAFE.

She Went to San Francisco for Repairs Instead of Making for the Sound.

The German ship Gertrude, for which a fleet of tugs were searching for seven or eight days off the Cape, did not after all come to the Sound, as was thought, and while the fears were being entertained for her safety, on account of her having sprung a leak, she was heading for San Francisco, at which port she yesterday arrived in safety. On making an offing from the Columbia, the Gertrude's master found the wind favorable for passage south, and he determined to go to San Francisco for repairs, instead of to the Sound.

The Gertrude had loaded wheat at Portland. She sailed from Astoria on November 27, and two days later returned and reported to the pilot boat that she was leaking. Her captain reports that when 150 miles south of Astoria the ship encountered a heavy sea and southeasterly gale. Then she made twelve inches of water in her hold. On shifting some of her cargo, it was found that most of the water came through an open porthole on the starboard side. The leakage in the hull was very slight.

ROYALIST STILL NOT REPORTED

Sugar Ship Probably Delayed by Recent Heavy Storms in North Pacific.

Steamer Royalist is still not reported. She is making a long trip from Japan, but in view of the tremendous seas and fierce storms which have raged of late, this is not to be wondered at. When a steamer like the Empress could not make more than 87 knots in a day, one of lesser power, such as the Royalist, would perhaps be minus several knots at the end of the day. The pilots are now watching for her. When the Royalist has unloaded her cargo of Java sugar at Vancouver, she is to be turned over to the American government, and will carry a very large cargo of hay and grain to the Philippines for the use of the American army. There are 4,000 tons awaiting her.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Willapa is due from the North.

Steamer Garland was delayed in getting away yesterday afternoon. She started out on her usual time, but returned and waited an hour or more until the storm subsided.

The United States lighthouse tender Manzanita was a visitor yesterday. She spent yesterday afternoon and night anchored in James Bay. She is on a lighthouse tendering cruise up the Sound.

Steamer Warrimoo will sail to-night from the outer wharf for Sydney, via Honolulu and Brisbane. She will have

PERSONALS.

Andrew Macdonald came down from Chehalis, and is a guest at the Drillard hotel. Dr. A. T. and Mrs. Watt, who are in from William Head, are registered at the Drillard. Twenty-five of the American theatrical people are guests at the Dominion.

G. F. Baldwin, city treasurer of Vancouver, is stopping at the Drillard. Mr. Baldwin will be remembered here as the first reporter on the Times staff when that paper was established some years ago. During the sessions of '84 and '85 he was an occupant of the press gallery in the legislature. Messrs. E. B. Morgan, of Vancouver, and C. G. Major, of New Westminster, are guests at the New England.

Mrs. E. F. Clark, one of the teachers of the public school at Duncan, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Moran Bros., of Seattle, have repaired the little steamer Clansman, of Vancouver, run into by the big Oriental freighter, and the Clansman is expected to return to Vancouver to-day. The repairs cost \$1,000.

The C. P. R. bulletin announces that the steamer Lake Champlain sailed from Liverpool on Wednesday, and that the steamer Ethiopian arrived at New York yesterday.

MARINE NEWS.

Newcastle, Australia—Sailed, Dec. 11, str. Murdo, for Honolulu.

San Diego—Arrived, Dec. 11, str. Neko, from Hamburg. Cleared Br. sh Ardernagle, with 116,162 bushels of wheat; Br. sh Dunlop, 1,462 bushels of flour; Br. sh of wheat, and French bk Gen. Milling, with 92,329 bushels of wheat for Queenstown.

San Francisco—Arrived, Dec. 12, str. Progresso, from Seattle; str Gertrude, from Portland; str Confranza, from Coquille river; str San Mateo, from Nanaimo; str Henry Wilson, from Grays Harbor; str. Saled, str. Senator, for Victoria; str. City of Puebla, for Seattle; str. California, whaling; str. Coquille River, for Grays Harbor; str. Newburg, for Grays Harbor.

Yokohama—Arrived, Dec. 9, Victoria, from Tacoma, for Hongkong. Hoquiam—Arrived, Dec. 11, str. Lillooet, from Alberni, for Mexico. April 26, 11, str. William Osten, from San Francisco for Aberdeen; str. Schr Dauntless, from San Pedro, for Hoquiam; str. Roy Somers, from San Francisco, for Cosmopolis; str. Webster, from San Francisco, for Hoquiam; str. Rainier, for Whatcom.

San Francisco—Arrived, Dec. 12, str. Progresso, from Tacoma. Sailed, Dec. 11, str. Robert Dolar, for Seattle.

Tacoma—Arrived, Dec. 12, str. Annie Larsen, from San Francisco.

Port Townsend—Sailed, Dec. 12, 10:45 a.m., rev. cutter Wheeling, for San Francisco. Passed out, a large steamer. Inward, a bark at 5 p.m. Arrived Br. sh Yolo, from Honolulu.

Port Gamble—Sailed, Dec. 12, str. Robert R. Hind, for Kauhui.

Port Townsend—Arrived, Dec. 12, Ger bk Antigone, from Santa Rosalia. Passed out, str. Great Admiral, from Chemalnus, for Sydney.

San Francisco—Sailed, Dec. 12, str. City of Puebla, for Seattle.

Visiting Pythian—Robert T. Hale, Grand officer of the Knights of Pythian, is again visiting Victoria. Since starting on his tour, the Pythian officer has visited 293 lodges in the Middle States and the West. He delivered a lecture to the Victoria lodges of the K. of P. last night.

No More Breaks.—There has been established in the Western Union Telegraph office what is known to telegraphers as a phonoplex. It is operated on a separate wire, which, by some system difficult to explain to laymen, will pick up messages being sent over a broken or grounded wire running on the same pole. With this instrument in operation, it is almost impossible for the service to be interrupted, for the only time the phonoplex will not work is when all the wires are broken in exactly the same places, something which seldom occurs. Should the phonoplex wire break, the message is transferred to one of the other wires. Every wire might be broken in different places, but still messages would continue to pass.

THE GERTRUDE SAFE.

She Went to San Francisco for Repairs Instead of Making for the Sound.

The German ship Gertrude, for which a fleet of tugs were searching for seven or eight days off the Cape, did not after all come to the Sound, as was thought, and while the fears were being entertained for her safety, on account of her having sprung a leak, she was heading for San Francisco, at which port she yesterday arrived in safety. On making an offing from the Columbia, the Gertrude's master found the wind favorable for passage south, and he determined to go to San Francisco for repairs, instead of to the Sound.

The Gertrude had loaded wheat at Portland. She sailed from Astoria on November 27, and two days later returned and reported to the pilot boat that she was leaking. Her captain reports that when 150 miles south of Astoria the ship encountered a heavy sea and southeasterly gale. Then she made twelve inches of water in her hold. On shifting some of her cargo, it was found that most of the water came through an open porthole on the starboard side. The leakage in the hull was very slight.

ROYALIST STILL NOT REPORTED

Sugar Ship Probably Delayed by Recent Heavy Storms in North Pacific.

Steamer Royalist is still not reported. She is making a long trip from Japan, but in view of the tremendous seas and fierce storms which have raged of late, this is not to be wondered at. When a steamer like the Empress could not make more than 87 knots in a day, one of lesser power, such as the Royalist, would perhaps be minus several knots at the end of the day. The pilots are now watching for her. When the Royalist has unloaded her cargo of Java sugar at Vancouver, she is to be turned over to the American government, and will carry a very large cargo of hay and grain to the Philippines for the use of the American army. There are 4,000 tons awaiting her.

MARINE NOTES.

Junior and Senior Victoria Teams to Go to Vancouver To-morrow.

Last evening the Victoria club held its last practice preparatory for the game with Vancouver to-morrow at Vancouver. The Vancouver players are confident of success and are positive that they will turn the tables on Victoria. On the other hand, the Victoria team, although willing to admit that their opponents will make a desperate effort to win, feel that they can hold their own, and will give Vancouver players some work to get over their line. For the guidance of all members travelling, transportation has been secured by the club and tickets are in the hands of Mr. A. T. Goward, the captain. The team is as follows, and from the names, should give a good account of themselves: Full back, T. Ritter; three-quarters, H. G. Schleske, J. C. Ritter; C. Gamble and K. Schleske, halfs, A. T. Goward (captain), A. Gillespie; forwards, H. Little, Cope, Fraser, W. Lorimer, B. Schwengens, J. Bromley, G. C. Johnston and J. Pemberton.

The Juniors also go to Vancouver to play the return match, and all the members of the team have for some time past been anxiously looking forward to the same, for they expect to defeat their opponents. Since their last game they have acquired a far greater knowledge of the game, having played in the junior length matches. The team has not been finally settled, but will appear in the next issue. They will be in charge of some of the senior players, who have kindly offered to look after them.

MEDAL COMPETITION.

Scores in the Ladies' Match Played at Macaulay Point on Wednesday.

The ladies' monthly medal competition of the United Service Golf Club was played on Wednesday at the Macaulay Point links. The score follows:

Score, Miss Pooley 64 16 49
Miss E. Loewen 67 12 53
Miss Harvey 71 12 59
Mrs. Calthorpe 77 14 63
Mrs. Bulen 96 24 72
Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Barnard and Mrs. Jones returned no scores.

SPORTING NOTES.

The Victoria Hunt Club will meet at "Stadacona," the residence of Major DuPont, at 2:30 on Saturday for a cross-country run.

S. Sen. Jr., won the first, and Walter Fraser the second prize in last evening's whilst tournament of the J.B.A.A.

STEAMER WILLAPA

Steamer Willapa is due from the North.

Steamer Garland was delayed in getting away yesterday afternoon. She started out on her usual time, but returned and waited an hour or more until the storm subsided.

The United States lighthouse tender Manzanita was a visitor yesterday. She spent yesterday afternoon and night anchored in James Bay. She is on a lighthouse tendering cruise up the Sound.

Steamer Warrimoo will sail to-night from the outer wharf for Sydney, via Honolulu and Brisbane. She will have

PERSONALS.

Andrew Macdonald came down from Chehalis, and is a guest at the Drillard hotel. Dr. A. T. and Mrs. Watt, who are in from William Head, are registered at the Drillard. Twenty-five of the American theatrical people are guests at the Dominion.

G. F. Baldwin, city treasurer of Vancouver, is stopping at the Drillard. Mr. Baldwin will be remembered here as the first reporter on the Times staff when that paper was established some years ago. During the sessions of '84 and '85 he was an occupant of the press gallery in the legislature. Messrs. E. B. Morgan, of Vancouver, and C. G. Major, of New Westminster, are guests at the New England.

Mrs. E. F. Clark, one of the teachers of the public school at Duncan, is stopping at the Drillard hotel.

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Chief of Alpha's Engine Room Held by Police for Desertion.

First Schooner of the Sealing Fleet Starts on her Cruise.

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The crew of the steamer has about been completed, and she is ready for sea. If the engineer is put on board, she may, therefore, get away in the near future on her voyage to Japan. The Engineer will be brought up for trial on the charge of desertion this morning. So far, none of the others who fled from the vessel have been secured.

FIRST OF THE FLEET.

Umbria Sails on Her Sealing Cruise During a Gale—Enterprise Sails To-day.

Despite the heavy blow yesterday afternoon, the sealing schooner Umbria weighed her anchor in James Bay and was towed out by the tug Sadie. The Umbria, which is the first vessel of the fleet to sail, was ready on Saturday, but was held since by trouble arising out of the desertion of some of her crew. First, her second mate and one of the sailors left the vessel, each having received large advances. While search was being made for the two who had also received a larger advance than is usually given, also, yesterday the crew was completed, and despite the gale, the schooner put out. She will go to Kyuquot to pick up her Indians. The Arietis did not follow her, as was at one time intended. Capt. Pennington, having promised not to pay higher rates to the Indians than those to be offered by the schooners of the company. The Umbria will be followed this morning by the schooner Enterprise, which is also outside the company. The Enterprise will be the first "white schooner" to sail. She goes across to the Japan coast and Copper islands.

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COAST TO KOOTENAY.

In connection with the railway news published in yesterday's Colonist, notice now published in the Gazette of application for a charter is of special interest. It is for a railway beginning at Vancouver, running thence to New Westminster; thence following the south bank of the Fraser to Hope; thence to the headwaters of the Coldwater, a tributary of the Nicola; thence to Princeton; thence to Keremeos; thence to Osoyoos Lake; thence to Midway, and thence to Grand Forks. There will be a branch down the Coldwater to Nicola Lake. The approximate length of the proposed line will be as follows: Vancouver to Coldwater Junction, 132 miles; to Nicola Lake, 105 miles; to Princeton, 174 miles; to Grand Forks, 267 miles. These distances are taken from the provincial maps, with a 10 per cent. allowance for curvature. The railway to be built in pursuance of the by-law adopted by the citizens may form a western extension of the line, and to get the distance to Victoria from the points mentioned, we must add 70 miles to the above figures. We suppose that if the railway from the Coast to Kootenay is built under the existing federal charter to the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern company, the mileage will be the same, as it is to be presumed the same route will be followed. We have information which satisfies us that the promoters of the line, of which notice is given in the Gazette, are fully able financially to carry out the project. There is also no doubt as to the ability of Messrs. MacKenzie, Mann & Co. to build the V. V. & E., if they have determined to do so. The financial strength of the Great Northern is also beyond a question. If these interests combine, the work, though by no means a light undertaking, will be carried through with ease.

SEWERAGE NEEDED.

A correspondent complains that, while other parts of the city are receiving their due share of consideration, the reasonable demands of Spring Ridge for better sewerage should have attention.

He says the people there have to put up with open sewers and no sidewalks, and he points out that only a short time ago the school had to be closed because of diphtheria. This is a matter that ought not to be lost sight of, but should be taken up at the earliest possible moment.

Our correspondent seems to think that an expenditure of about \$1,000 would be sufficient for present needs. We fancy that the cost of any considerable improvement would come higher than this. The attention of the City Engineer was drawn to the subject matter of our correspondent's letter, and he said he was unable to express any definite opinion as to what ought to be done or the probable cost, because the complaint is too indefinite. We suggest, therefore, that our correspondent and those like him, who feel the need of something being done to improve the sanitary condition of that portion of the city, should send in to the City Council a petition, stating specifically what is wanted. If they do this, the Colonist will pledge itself to see that it is kept to the front.

INSURANCE IN CANADA.

The Report on Insurance for the year 1899 has been received. From it we gather that during the year the amount paid out for losses by fire amounted to \$5,182,038, and the amount received for premiums was \$7,910,492. The losses and receipts were thus divided between the Canadian, British and American companies as follows:

Losses. Premiums.
Canadian \$ 637,101 \$1,183,730
British 3,867,212 5,652,228
American 677,725 1,074,525

The British percentage of loss is the highest, the American next, and the Canadian third. It is interesting to learn that in thirty years the amount of fire losses paid in Canada was \$101,638,048, and the amount of premiums collected was \$148,401,594, which gives a net profit of more than a million and a half a

year. In one year only did the losses exceed the premiums, namely, in 1877, when they were two and a quarter times as much. The extreme loss of that year, when the figures reached the maximum in the records of Canadian insurance, namely, \$8,490,919, was due to the great fire in St. John.

In 1899 fire insurance to the following amounts was written: By Canadian companies, \$130,500,195, at an average premium of 1.27 per cent.; by British companies, \$524,980,342, at an average of 1.22 per cent.; by American companies, \$100,257,561, at an average of 1.22 per cent; the total being \$756,279,88, and the average premium being 1.23 per cent. The average rate of insurance is lower than it has been at any time since 1895. It is to be noted that the percentage of loss, as compared with premiums is lower in Canada than in the rest of the world, taken as a whole, which means that the Dominion is among the best fields for fire insurance companies.

Inland Navigation insurance showed premiums collected during the year to have amounted to \$549,854, and the losses to have reached \$406,359. The figures for Ocean Marine insurance were, premiums, \$450,783; losses, \$361,334.

In Life Insurance we are brought into contact with large sums. The amount written during the year was \$67,400,733, an increase of over twelve millions over the previous year, which seems to show that in good times people insure their lives freely. The Canadian companies had the most of the business, their share being \$42,138,128, as against \$3,748,127 by the British companies, and \$21,514,478 by the American companies. The life insurance outstanding when the statements were made up amounted to \$404,170,873, of which \$252,201,716 was held by Canadian companies, \$38,025,948 by the British companies, and \$113,843,209 by the American companies. The Canadian companies are increasing their business three times as fast as the American companies, and seventeen times as fast as the British companies. The amount of the policies which fell due during the year was \$7,526,150, while the amount terminated by surrender or lapse was \$27,808,707, which shows the truth of the statement that a very large share of the profits of life insurance companies comes from payment of policies which never do their holder any good.

The number of lives covered by policies during the year was 447,377, and there were 4,562 deaths, showing a death rate among insured persons of 10.197 per cent. These deaths called for the payment of \$4,604,416. Out of every \$100 received in premiums, there was paid to policy holders in one form or another, \$53.01, leaving \$46.99 to go for reserve, expenses and profits, which shows life insurance to be a very good line of business indeed. During the last twenty years the policy holders have received 53.04 per cent. of the amount paid in by them in premiums. The Canadian companies, other than assessment companies, had in 1899, the following income: Premiums, \$9,256,570; interest, etc., \$2,202,132; total, \$11,458,702. Their payments were as follows: To policy holders, \$3,801,089; for expenses, \$2,416,951; in dividends to stockholders, \$88,510, making a total outlay of \$6,506,550. Canadian life companies are doing business in almost every part of the world.

The assessment companies did a good deal of business, the amount of policies taken out during the year having been \$11,022,000, which is a decrease of nearly \$5,000,000 from the previous year. There were \$129,805,877 involved in the policies in force when the returns were made up. The sum of \$1,040,000 was made in losses by these companies during the year, and policies to the amount of \$13,739,500 were either surrendered or allowed to lapse. The receipts from members were \$1,650,862.

The accident insurance written in Canada during the year amounted to \$109,746,785, on which \$606,980 were paid in premiums, the losses being \$301,258, not including unsettled claims amounting to \$73,320.

The guarantee insurance outstanding during the year amounted to \$21,332,394, on which \$92,204 were received in premiums, the amount paid for losses being \$25,117, with \$9,904 in process of adjustment.

Plate-glass insurance resulted in the payment of \$69,415 in premiums, and in losses of \$30,618.

There is one company which insures against burglary. It has outstanding 2,147 policies, in which \$2,249,566 are involved. It collected \$19,406 in premiums and paid out \$5,518 in losses.

It is said to be the intention of the Dominion government to ask parliament to make provision for Canadian soldiers who have been permanently disabled through wounds or sickness in South Africa. This will receive popular approval.

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The ratification by the shareholders of the Bank of Commerce of the purchase of the Bank of British Columbia was anticipated, but it is none the less satisfactory to be able to record it, and also to mention that the general staff of the British Columbia Bank came in for warm words of praise from the chief officers of the purchasing institution.

The Times makes a strong argument in favor of the provincial government contributing towards the cost of a new bridge at Point Ellice. It points out that the province is a large property holder in the city, and as such receives all the protection given by the municipality to private property, but contributes nothing whatever to the cost of governing the city. We think the members of the government will recognize the justice of this, and that the members of the legislature will also do so.

There certainly ought to be a telephone line from Victoria to Vancouver, with way stations at Shawnigan, Duncan, Chemainus and Ladysmith, and perhaps at other points, and we are glad to learn that the project is receiving consideration. If Shawnigan Lake becomes the resort next year that is anticipated, telephonic connection with Victoria will be absolutely essential.

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Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
1:10 a.m.	5.1 feet.	2:30 a.m.	6.1 feet.
10:00 a.m.	8.0 feet.	9:40 a.m.	8.4 feet.
5:00 p.m.	4.7 feet.	5:30 p.m.	4.3 feet.
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AUCTION SALES.—All Advertisements for Auction Sales will be found on Page 8.

Reported for duty.—Having recovered from his illness, Bandmaster Finn has again reported for duty and resumed his position as leader of the Fifth Regiment band. Acting Bandmaster Eugene Carroll has reverted to his former rank.

Death of Mrs. Casse.—Eliza, the wife of Joseph Casse, naval storekeeper at Esquimalt, died at the Jubilee hospital on Wednesday night. The deceased lady had been ill for a few weeks, and was removed to the hospital on Sunday. She was 49 years of age and a native of Chatham, Kent, England. The funeral will take place next Sunday from the residence at Esquimalt, to the naval cemetery.

Satisfactory Test.—Mayor Hayward, Jas. L. Raynor, water commissioner, and the city engineer, paid an official visit to the North Dairy Farm pumping station yesterday morning. A most satisfactory test was made, a pressure of 100 pounds at the station raising that at the city hall to 72%, and at the Yates street pumping station to 85. As soon as the necessary certificates are signed, the Albion Iron Works will turn the station over to the city. This will most likely be done in a day or two.

Death of Lionel Barff.—Yesterday's mail brought the news of the death of Mr. Lionel C. Barff, who was well known in this city in artistic and literary circles. During the Klondike rush of 1898, Mr. Barff joined the party of wealthy young Englishmen who outfit in this city, but which came to grief on the Chilcotin Pass, the members returning to this city with an accumulation of experiences and minus much good money. Mr. Barff afterwards joined the staff of the Illustrated London News and went to China. Recent numbers of that journal contain some pictures by Mr. Barff, depicting scenes in the China war, and it was in his capacity as special artist with the allied troops on the march to Peking that Mr. Barff contracted the fever which proved fatal, for he died in the Diamond Jubilee Memorial Hospital, Tien Tsin, on the 13th of last month, from typhoid fever, at the age of 31 years.

Suppression of Gambling.—A special session of the Ministerial Association was held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The business before the meeting was what action should be taken in relation to the alleged flagrant violation of the law in respect to gambling. The association learned with great satisfaction that the chief of police had strict instructions to suppress the evil. The ambiguous word, "abate," in the police commissioners' letter to a member of the society, was evidently a clerical error.

The whole of the correspondence between the Mayor and the representative of the association was produced. General satisfaction was expressed at the way the Mayor had taken up the matter. It was decided after some debate to adopt a course that would make it more difficult for a recurrence of the evil to take place, and at the same time have a healthy effect upon the minds of those who engage in the nefarious traffic.

The new fire by-law of the city of Vancouver is also published.

The sittings of the courts of revision and appeal (under the Assessment Act) in North Yale will be held as follows: Kamloops, on December 28; Nicola Lake, January 4; Princeton, January 11, 1901.

Watch for "Searchlight's" opening. Everybody should know that "Searchlight" Amusement Co., of Seattle, will open a parlor in Victoria, 62 Fort street, where they will exhibit Edison's latest and best moving pictures obtainable. The first programme will contain a lot of fine pictures, including panoramic views of the wreck of Galveston, caused by tidal wave, etc. Admission 10 cents. A continuous entertainment for ladies, gentlemen and children.

Santa Claus' second appearance will be Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Golden Rule Bazaar window, 91 Douglas St.

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Closed For
The HolidaysInteresting Exercises at the Col-
legiate School Held Yester-
day Evening.Report of the Head Master For
Term and of the Exam-
iners.

The closing exercises of the Collegiate school were held in the schoolroom last evening. A thoroughly representative gathering of the people attended, among those present being the Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Harrington, Sir Henry and Miss Crease, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. Langmaid, Mr. W. H. Lobb, Mrs. Gauthier, Miss Boswell, Mr. S. J. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Paxton, Mrs. J. B. Hastings, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. Seabrook, Miss Lawson, Mr. H. Bostock, Mr. and Mrs. Raynor, Dr. Mrs. and Miss Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. and Miss Pitts, Mrs. and Miss Kettler, Mrs. and Miss Lester, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Goodacre and many others. In the absence, through illness, of the Lieutenant-Governor, the Bishop of Columbia presided, and distributed the prizes. The report of the head master, Mr. J. W. Laing, M.A., Oxon, was as follows:

Christmas, 1900.

To the Visitor of the School: My Lord—I have the honor to submit the report of the school during the past year:

I am pleased to announce a steady in-
crease in our numbers. In September 1897when the school was removed from the Es-
quimalt road to the buildings we at present

occupy, our roll was 18; now it is 56. As we

are growing term by term, a serious ques-
tion arises as to our accommodation, whichis by no means adequate to our require-
ments, either in class rooms or in dormi-
toires for boarders. I am most thankful to

report that this has been an unbroken term

as regards work, and that we have been

free from any cases of illness whatever.

Our examiners this term have been Rev.

H. H. Gowen, of Seattle; the Rev. W. D.

Barber, M.A., rural dean, and Mr. A. J.

Parish, M.A., R.N., naval instructor of H.

M. S. Warspite, to all of whom we are

much indebted for their valuable assist-

ance.

Your Lordship has given us an entrance

scholarship for the fifth year, which will

be competed for, all being well on the first

day of the Easter term, Jan. 27, 1901. En-

tries for this will be received by me up to

the morning of the examination.

Your Lordship has also given us two divi-

lity prizes, the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin

an arithmetic prize for the third year, Mr.

B. R. Seabrook has supplemented his band

some prize at the athletic sports in June

last by giving us a recitation prize and a

boarders' prize, and Bishop Dart, of New

Westminster, whose two sons are at the

school, has given a moral conduct prize

for the lower school, and the Messrs. Hul-

lben one for the best map in the school.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, whose

absence through illness we all deplore this

evening, has shown his interest in the

school by donating a moral conduct prize

for the upper school.

I am pleased to report a sound moral tone

throughout the school, and that the dis-

cipline is thoroughly good.

Thoroughness is our aim, and the fact

that we have boys from Honolulu, the

Sound cities and distant points of British

Columbia, testifies to our being known as

and Victoria.

This term's prizes have been gained as

follows: The scholarship open to the whole

school, has been gained by Paxton, in Form

VI, with an average of 70.8, closely fol-

lowed by Holden, in the upper second form

with 73.4. I sincerely congratulate Holden,

a boy of 11 years of age, competing so

closely with a boy of 17.

Form VI prize has been gained by Pax-

ton; Form V by Cornwall, Form IV by New-

combe I; Form III by Houghton; upper

second by Holden; lower second by Drake;

Form I by Stoddart.

Divinity prize for the upper school has

fallen to Dart I, and in the lower school to

Bendroft. The arithmetic prize has been

gained by Newcombe I, with 85 per cent.

Wilmot being second with 80. The map

prizes are awarded to Dart II for the upper

school, and Houghton for the lower school,

Pitts I being awarded an extra prize for

his painstaking map of China. The moral

conduct prize for the upper school has been

gained by Paxton; that for the lower school to

Benson. The boarders' prize has fallen to

Kerfoot, and the music prize, presented by

Miss Archibald, to Dart II. The recitation

prizes have been gained by Geoffrey Army-

tage and Campbell.

In conclusion, I must heartily thank my

friends and colleagues, the Rev. C. Ensor

Sharp, M.A., and Mr. H. J. S. Mussett for

their loyal and unvarying support and co-

operation in assisting me to carry on the

work of the school, which, by God's bless-

ing, is in such a prosperous condition.

J. W. LAING, M.A.

The report of Rev. W. D. Barber, M.A.,

rural dean, is as follows:

December 13, 1900.

Dear Mr. Laing:—I enclose my report of

the examination of the lower school, and

the English subjects in the upper school:

Diction.

Form VI—Houghton and Wilmot obtain

full marks. The lowest mark in this sub-

ject was 80 per cent.

Form V—Bell obtains 98 per cent., the

lowest mark being 74 per cent.

Form IV—The marking ranges from 90

Goodacre to 63.

Form III—Houghton obtains 96, Harr-

son II, Spencer I and Marshall ranging

between 80 and 90. The other work in this

form was not up to the general standard of

excellence shown in the upper forms.

Spelling.

Form IV—Underhill and Newcombe I ob-

tain 95 and 94 marks respectively, the low-

est marking being 60.

Form III—Houghton 94, Marshall, Harr-

son II, Spencer I and Hastings I come

first, all doing excellent work.

Literature and English Recitation.

Form IV—Armytage obtains full marks

in this subject, and is deserving of special

mention, for careful memorizing and clear-

ness of enunciation, Kerfoot, Campbell and

Kay are also marked excellent.

Form III—Houghton, 96, Marshall, Gar-

rett, Harrison II, and Spencer I are worthy

of commendation for their intelligent ren-

dering of their work and knowledge of the

subjects.

THE LOWER SCHOOL.

Lower Second Form.

Divinity—Bendroft takes first place, ob-

taining full marks in the question set.

Arithmetical—Benson, 70, and Martin, 71,

come first, the general average being 50

per cent. for the form.

Reading, Writing and Spelling.—Drake ob-

tains an average of 81 per cent., Bendroft

70, Pinder 68.

Geography and History.—In these subjects

Pinder comes first, with 85, and Bendroft,

80, on the average.

The results as a whole are satisfactory,

showing systematic and methodical teaching.

The general percentage is above the aver-

age. I especially commend Armytage and

Houghton for high average of marking.

A thorough grounding in English being an

essential of modern education, so far as my

observation goes, I can testify to the

standard of excellence which the Collegiate

school has reached in these subjects.

W. D. BARBER, M.A.

The mathematical examiner's report is

as follows:

Esquimalt, Dec. 11, 1900.

Dear Mr. Laing:—In accordance with your

request, I have examined the boys of the

Collegiate school in mathematics. I enclose

the marks gained by the boys in the follow-

ing papers, namely, arithmetic, algebra, and

Euclid.

Arithmetic.—The whole school took the

same arithmetic paper, and with three or

four exceptions, it was well done. Paxton

obtained full marks; Wilmot, Dart I, Houghton,

Lester and Newcombe I gained over 90 per cent., which is a very creditable

performance. 19 out of 34 boys examined

obtained over 50 per cent.

Algebra.—The boys were examined in this

subject in three divisions, a separate paper

being given to each division. In Division I

Wilmot did a very good paper, and obtained

79 per cent. The rest did fairly well, and

averaged about half marks, though in this

division there seemed rather a weakness in

the definitions of the subject.

In Division II a very good knowledge of

the subject was shown, the division only

contains six boys and only one boy failed to

get over 90 per cent. Bell and Paxton

both obtained full marks. Lester, Johnson,

Dart I obtained over 90 per cent.

Euclid.—The boys were examined in this

subject in three divisions, a separate paper

being given to each division. In Division I

Paxton obtained full marks; Wilmot, Dart I,

Kerfoot and Newcombe I gained over 90 per cent.,

which is a very creditable performance.

Paxton, 96, and Wilmot, 95, obtained 85 per cent.

Bell obtained 98 per cent., the lowest mark

being 74 per cent.

Form IV—The marking ranges from 90

After all, there is no better test of an article than popularity.
Ask your friends what they think of Prime Ribbon Ceylon Tea.

Meetings And Amusements

Primrose and Dockstader Appear at Victoria Theatre on Monday.

Fifth Regiment Band Concert—Sale of Work For St. Marks.

In presenting their latest creation in minstrelsy, Messrs. Primrose & Dockstader have in store for the public many new surprises and novel features, also a complete new scene and lighting equipment. Primrose & Dockstader and their company of minstrel artists will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on Monday evening. They have by their past proven to theatre goers that minstrelsy is a choice form of entertainment when properly given, and is equal, and in most respects superior, to the legitimate drama of to-day, as its pure and wholesome comedy, its vocal excellence and its varied and entertaining specialties go to make up an entertainment which can be attended by ladies and young people, never at any time going beyond the limits of propriety in its efforts to be *fin-de-siecle*. Messrs. Primrose & Dockstader have surrounded themselves this season with a company of comedians, vocalists and specialists which has never been equalled before. The scene and lighting effects and the costumes are said to be far ahead of anything ever before attempted in this line.

A delightful evening will surely be spent by all who attend the Fifth Regiment band promenade concert at the Drill hall to-morrow night. The programme will include many "first time" numbers, among which is a solo for cornet by Bandsman North. Mr. Frank LeRoy is to be the extra attraction.

After evensong on Sunday next at St. John's church, the third of the Advent series of organ recitals will be given, when Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Miss Jameson, Miss Armstrong and Mr. Gideon Hicks; solo violinista, Master Bertie Foote; assistant organist and violinist, Mr. Jessie Longfield.

A sale of work in connection with St. Mark's church will be held in the Tolmie school, Boleksine road, to-day. The Ladies' Working Society of St. Mark's and friends have generously contributed a large assortment of children's clothing, useful and fancy articles, which will be offered at reasonable prices. The Bishop of Columbia has kindly consented to open the sale of work at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Garrison Dance Club will hold their second annual military ball at Work Point Barracks on January 4. Admittance is only by special invitation.

To-night Vancouver encampment, No. 1, I.O.O.F., will pay fraternal visit to P.T. less Lodge, No. 33. The encampment represents a necessary qualification for grand representative.

On Tuesday evening next the Philharmonic Society will open their fourth season with a choral and orchestral concert in the Institute hall, when an excellent programme will be presented. The first part of the programme will include selected solos and choruses from Handel's "Messiah" in which Mrs. Janion and Messrs. A. T. Goward and Mr. Crane will take part. Mr. Crane is a bass vocalist hailing from the old country, and this will be his first appearance in Victoria. In the second part of the programme, the orchestra will be heard in Flotow's "Stradella" overture, a movement from Massenet's "Scenes Pittoresque," and with the chorus will give Beethoven's choral "Fantasia," in which the beautiful obbligato part will be taken by Mrs. H. Walmsley. Mrs. Walmsley will also be heard in Mendelssohn's "Concerto in G Minor" for piano and orchestra. The remaining soloists will be Mrs. Warfield, Mrs. Moresby and Mr. Ernest A. Powell. Mrs. Warfield is a resident of Helena, Montana, and is a highly recommended soprano vocalist, whose first appearance in Victoria will be looked forward to.

This evening in the Sunday school room of the First Presbyterian church the Boys' Brigade will give an entertainment for which elaborate preparations have been made. There will be a splendid programme, including drills by the boys.

"My wife asserts that she saves my life at least once every year." "How's that?" "She won't let me go hunting."—Chicago Record.

LOCAL NEWS.

Must Have Permit.—City Superintendent Eaton has given notice that hereafter pupils residing outside the city limits will not be allowed to attend the city schools without permission from the board of school trustees.

His First Court.—Mr. George E. Powell, recently appointed judge of the court of revision for the districts in the vicinity of Victoria, held his first court at Parson's Bridge on Wednesday. A number of applications were disposed of.

Wanted an Owner.—A party of boys yesterday brought to the city police station two gold and two silver chains, a brooch and pair of bracelets, which they found in the woods at Victoria West. The articles do not answer the description of any reported to the police as having been stolen.

Successful Concert.—A large crowd last evening attended the concert given in Semple's hall, Victoria West, in aid of the junior athletic association of the western suburb. The concert was most successful in every way, every number being encored. The funds will be largely augmented as a result of the entertainment. Rev. W. D. Barber occupied the chair.

Property Recovered.—Yesterday morning Constable McDonald, who has been detailed on a number of the recent cases of petty theft, and has been most successful, found in a second-hand store a nickel-plated corkscrew and attachments for a bar, which was stolen on Wednesday from Messrs. Pither & Leiser. The man who sold the article is known to the police and will probably be arrested to-day.

Mrs. Lines Dead.—The death occurred last evening at her home, 57½ St. Lawrence street, of Mrs. Edmond Lines, who has been a resident of Victoria since 1876. She was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and 65 years of age. A husband in this city, daughter in San Francisco, and son in Boston, survive her. The funeral is arranged for Saturday afternoon.

Trading Stamp Tax.—An information was yesterday sworn to by Mr. E. C. Smith, assistant city treasurer, charging the Dominion Trading Stamp Company, through Miss Murphy, the local manager, with refusing to pay their license for the month of December, amounting to \$116, which is payable in advance. The company paid their November license, but now propose to test the take place about December 25.

Maltby Again Suffer.—During the enforced absence at the isolation hospital of the Maltby family, who have been before the public on several occasions lately on account of their belief in the healing and refusal to have doctors attend their children when suffering from diphtheria, their residence was entered and a number of small articles stolen. James Bates, in whose possession some of the articles were found, was yesterday placed under arrest. Following their theory that no physical effort is required to protect life or property, if the heart is free from sin, the Maltbys refused to lock their house when they were taken to the hospital, and, as in the case of the child who died, prayer did not prevail. The goods stolen consisted of an alarm clock, stamps and other small articles. A room occupied by a girl still at the hospital was also ransacked, but it is not known whether anything was stolen. The children who had diphtheria are recovering under the care of the doctors and nurses.

Children's Sale.—The Junior Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church, superintended by Mrs. Wood and Miss M. Wilson, held a very successful sale of work on Wednesday last. The hall was decked very prettily with flags and bunting. The large stock of fancy goods were disposed of to eager purchasers. In the evening a concert was held, the programme being as follows:

Mercer's Embellishment.—George P. Mercer, the bluejacket who deserted from H. M. S. Warspite and ran away with the proceeds of the concert given by the Ocean Rovers, under his management, in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, got away with more than was at first thought. Not only did he take the concert funds, but also a sum belonging to the ship's mess, making over \$300. Commander Williams, of the Warspite, was much incensed over the theft of Mercer, and may take steps to secure his extradition.

At Last Settled.—The case of York v. the steamer Hero, which has been hanging fire in the Admiralty court since last spring, was settled yesterday. Mr. Justice Martin, with the consent of both parties, giving judgment for the defendant. The counter claim was withdrawn. The action was started to recover for work done on the steamer while she was in the dry dock. Mr. Yorke commenced painting the vessel, but the work not proving satisfactory, he knocked off his men. He claimed he should be paid for what he had done, but the owners held that the work had to be done over, and that they were heavy losers by the delay, having to engage another firm at practically their own figures.

Quietly Married.—Yesterday afternoon a quiet wedding was celebrated at the

manse by Dr. Campbell, of Cadboro Bay road, when Mr. James Cummings and Mrs. A. McNabb, both of the young city of Ferguson, in the Trout Lake district of Kootenay, were made man and wife. The bridal couple will spend a few days' honeymoon on the Coast before returning to Ferguson, where Mr. Cummings is the proprietor and manager of the Balmoral hotel.

Mr. Mackay's Condition.—The many friends of Mr. Jos. W. Mackay, of the Indian department, will regret to hear that yesterday he was reported to be much worse. Mr. Mackay, who is among the oldest of the pioneers of the province, has been ailing for the greater part of the past summer, and a few days since grew rapidly much weaker. For some time yesterday he lay in an unconscious state, but it is hoped that the robust vigor for which he has been so noted in the past will enable him to shake off the attack and once more resume his official duties.

Mrs. Parker Dead.—Mrs. John Parker, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Victoria, died last evening, after an illness of almost six weeks. She was one of Victoria's pioneers, for with her husband, who came from England in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company, she reached Vancouver Island in 1853, and lived to see the little settlement around the Hudson's Bay fort grow into the progressive city of to-day. Her eldest daughter was the second white child born on the Island. Mrs. Parker is survived by her husband and ten children—six daughters, Mrs. Ball of Rocky Point, Mrs. A. Lindsay, Mrs. W. Walker, Mrs. G. Walker, Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. Crogan; and four sons, John, Albert, William and Henry.

Charge Dismissed.—The charge against a Chinese laundryman of Esquimalt of having stolen two sacks of coal from H. M. navy, was dismissed by Magistrate Hall in the provincial police court yesterday. The information was laid under a section of the code dealing with stealing from a barge for which a term of 14 years can be imposed. It was proved that the coal found in the Chinaman's possession was Welsh coal, such as is used by the navy, but not that it had been stolen from the navy, and therefore the charge failed. The Chinaman said he had bought the coal from a boatman for 90 cents and pointed the boatman out to the police. The boatman denied that he had made the sale. A lot of coal has been stolen from the navy, therefore the prosecution of the Chinaman, Mr. Frank Higgins appeared for the defence.

Allan Cameron's Successor.—Word has been received here that F. W. Peters, now district freight agent in the Kootenay district, with headquarters at Nelson, has been appointed to succeed Allan Cameron as assistant general freight agent at Vancouver. Mr. Cameron, as already announced, has been appointed Asiatic manager of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co.'s trans-Pacific line, with headquarters at Hongkong. He is now on his way to the headquarters of the Canadian Pacific at Montreal, and on his return will turn over the office to his successor and sail for the Orient. Mr. Peters has been connected with the freight department of the Canadian Pacific since about 1887, and came to the Coast from Winnipeg about five years ago. He is a practical railroad man, and those who know him say he is worthy of the position, being capable, and generally popular. The transfer is expected to take place about December 25.

Maltby Again Suffer.—During the enforced absence at the isolation hospital of the Maltby family, who have been before the public on several occasions lately on account of their belief in the healing and refusal to have doctors attend their children when suffering from diphtheria, their residence was entered and a number of small articles stolen. James Bates, in whose possession some of the articles were found, was yesterday placed under arrest. Following their theory that no physical effort is required to protect life or property, if the heart is free from sin, the Maltbys refused to lock their house when they were taken to the hospital, and, as in the case of the child who died, prayer did not prevail. The goods stolen consisted of an alarm clock, stamps and other small articles. A room occupied by a girl still at the hospital was also ransacked, but it is not known whether anything was stolen. The children who had diphtheria are recovering under the care of the doctors and nurses.

Children's Sale.—The Junior Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church, superintended by Mrs. Wood and Miss M. Wilson, held a very successful sale of work on Wednesday last. The hall was decked very prettily with flags and bunting. The large stock of fancy goods were disposed of to eager purchasers. In the evening a concert was held, the programme being as follows:

Mercer's Embellishment.—George P. Mercer, the bluejacket who deserted from H. M. S. Warspite and ran away with the proceeds of the concert given by the Ocean Rovers, under his management, in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, got away with more than was at first thought. Not only did he take the concert funds, but also a sum belonging to the ship's mess, making over \$300. Commander Williams, of the Warspite, was much incensed over the theft of Mercer, and may take steps to secure his extradition.

At Last Settled.—The case of York v. the steamer Hero, which has been hanging fire in the Admiralty court since last spring, was settled yesterday. Mr. Justice Martin, with the consent of both parties, giving judgment for the defendant. The counter claim was withdrawn. The action was started to recover for work done on the steamer while she was in the dry dock. Mr. Yorke commenced painting the vessel, but the work not proving satisfactory, he knocked off his men. He claimed he should be paid for what he had done, but the owners held that the work had to be done over, and that they were heavy losers by the delay, having to engage another firm at practically their own figures.

Quietly Married.—Yesterday afternoon a quiet wedding was celebrated at the

Santa Claus has arrived via the Great Northern railroad at Cheapside, with the usual attractive and valuable Xmas stock.

W. T. Hardaker's auction sale of desirable furniture will take place to-day at his salerooms, Douglas street.

A first-class cake baker can find employment at the St. Germain Bakery, Seattle. See advertisement in Want Column.

A watch dog is offered for sale at No. 44 North Park street.

A panoramic view of the wreck of Galveston by the tidal wave, will be shown at No. 62 Fort street, shortly, by the "Searchlight" Amusement Co. Particulars are given in local columns.

The White House offer some great bargains in Xmas gloves.

The Granville school, 1175 Haro street, Vancouver, will re-open January 14. Prospectus may be had on application to the principal, Mademoiselle Kern.

A light road cart or buggy is wanted at 119 Menzies street. See advertisement.

Some of Spencer's holiday novelties and useful gifts are particularized on page 4. Read the list.

Tenders are called for supplying the troops at Work Point barracks with bread, flour and biscuits; and bids must be in by Tuesday, the 18th instant, at noon.

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CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The leading futures quoted as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 70¢; Jan. 70½ to 75¢; May 75½.

Corn—Dec. 30¢; Jan. 35½ to 37½; May 35½ to 37½.

Barley—Dec. 20¢; Jan. 22½ to 25¢; May 22½ to 23½.

W. U. (100 lbs.)—Dec. 20¢; Jan. 22½ to 25¢; May 22½ to 23½.

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THE METAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 13.—Platinum dull, north, \$14.60 to \$14.50; southern, \$13.75 to \$15.75. Copper dull; brass, \$17.00 to \$17.00; exchange \$17.00. Lead quiet; broker \$4.00; exchange \$4.37½. Tin unsettled; Straits \$22.75. Spelter weak; domestic, \$4.15 to \$4.20.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The leading futures quoted as follows:

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CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The stock market to-day was less under the influence of the strength of individual stocks, and more under that of the coming exigencies of the money market, when a general and somewhat rise in Erie stocks of the last half hour hardly served to more than check the individual fluctuations, which were in active force in the general market. Twenty-eight years is given as the elapsed period since an Erie Co. stock sold as high as 50 on the Stock Exchange. To-day the 1st part of the stock at 52½, the late dealings. The stocks for the year 1872, the latest for which stock were the com. 3½; for 1st pfld. 4½, and for 2nd pfld. 5½. The inspired announcement that a contract of sale had been signed between the Pennsylvania Coal Co. and a syndicate headed by the central power in the anthracite trade, was the most notable of the day. The stock for the Pennsylvania Coal was rapidly advanced without bringing out any stock except an occasional odd lot at intervals, until a full lot of 100 shares was sold at 73½ and another at 74. Last night the stock was 610 bid and 675 asked. But the market for it has been purely nominal, and it sold at 450¢ last night, which was the highest price of the year. Notwithstanding the notable parts of this operation on the Erie stocks, and efforts made by speculators to emphasize the general benefit to result to the anthracite industry as a whole, the effect was very small, even on the other anthracite stocks, which were none of them more than moderately affected. In the interest of the southern railroads on having a market in the interest of the bull pool. The effect was most notable in the Wabash securities, otherwise selling was general, throughout the list and those stocks which have persisted in their upward movement this year, as at a rate, the weakest. This was noticeable, for instance, of the stock grain, in which the declines ran up to the middle of the year. American Sugar and the New York public utilities fell from about 2 to 3½ points. A number of other prominent stocks, both in the railroad and industrial list, fell from 10 to 20 points. The speculative contingent in face of the recent developments of a very weak market, statement on Saturday, and the sub-treasury have taken out over \$1,000,000 in the money market, compared with a surplus reserve last Saturday of \$7,000,125. On Monday next the checks in payment of the Standard Oil dividend will pass through the clearing house, involving a disbursement which is likely to make additional demands on available credits, and so increase reserve requirements.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,

Victoria, Dec. 13.—8 p.m.

SYNOPTIC.

Yesterday's storm area was quickly succeeded by another, which developed considerable energy, causing strong southeast gales in the vicinity. Rain was falling in Oregon, Washington and the southern part of the province, being especially heavy at Neah Bay and New Westminster. The temperature has risen at most points west of the Cascades. In the Northwest the high barometer area is now moving west, will cover Manitoba, where maximum temperatures of 12 degrees below zero are reported to-day. Light snow has also fallen at various points in the Northwest.

TEMPERATURE.

Victoria	44	50
New Westminster	44	48
Kamloops	32	44
Barkerville	22	34
Calgary	32	40
Winnipeg	24	10
Portland, Ore.	44	55
San Francisco, Cal.	46	52

For 24 hours from 5 a.m.—(Pacific time)—Friday:

Victoria and vicinity: Strong winds from east and south, somewhat decreasing in force; continued unsettled and mild, with rain.

Lower mainland: Light or moderate east and south winds; unsettled, with rain; not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 13.

5 a.m. 45 Mean. 40

Noon 49 Highest. 49

5 p.m. 49 Lowest. 44

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 4 miles northeast.

Noon 28 miles southeast.

5 p.m. 44 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Unsettled.

Rain—.06 inch.

Barometer at noon—Observed. 29.604

Corrected. 29.625

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected. 29.64

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